

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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PERU, IN 46970  
JANUARY 7, 2013

Auditor Jane Lilley opened the meeting. The first order of business was reorganization of the Board.

Commissioner West nominated Commissioner Francis as Chairman. Commissioner West made a motion to close the nominations. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Nomination of Commissioner Francis passed 2-0-1 (Commissioner Francis abstained).

Commissioner Francis took over the meeting. Commissioner Francis nominated Commissioner West as Vice-Chairman of the Commissioners. Commissioner Francis made a motion to close the nominations. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Nomination of Commissioner West as Vice Chairman passed 2-0-1 (Commissioner West abstained).

Appointments:

Highway Supervisor – Commissioner West made a motion to re-appoint Sam Waltz as Highway Supervisor. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Highway Engineer – Commissioner Hamman made a motion to re-appoint Ken Einselen as Highway Engineer. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Veterans Officer – Commissioner West made a motion to re-appoint Jay Kendall as Veterans Officer. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

EMA Director – Commissioner Hamman made a motion to re-appoint Kris Marks as EMA Director. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

9-1-1 Director – Commissioner West made a motion to re-appoint Cliff Gardner as 9-1-1 Director. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Planning and Building Board – Commissioner West made a motion to re-appoint Randy Hileman. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Planning and Building Board – Commissioner West made a motion to re-appoint James Denham. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Zoning Appeals – Commissioner Hamman made a motion to re-appoint Bobette Miller to Zoning Appeals. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Zoning Appeals – Commissioner West made a motion to re-appoint Betty Burkhart to Zoning Appeals. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Board of Health – Commissioner West made a motion to table the appointments to this Board. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

HOOSIER HEARTLAND CORRIDOR

The Board received a letter from Hoosier Heartland Corridor asking the Board for their annual contribution. The Board did not put it in the 2013 budget because the portion of the Corridor going thru Miami County is finished. The Board is not interested in revisiting deletion of this from their budget.

## CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Bill Gornto came before the Board to ask that they reappoint Mark Allen to the City Planning. Commissioner West made a motion to reappoint Mr. Allen and Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – Commissioner Hamman made a motion to appoint Commissioner West as the Chief Elected Official with the regard to the Workforce Development. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## RECORDER

Brenda Weaver, Recorder, brought the Board a quarterly report and updated them on her office.

## MAYOR WALKER

James Walker, Mayor of Peru City, came before the Board with some concerns regarding the Commissioners sale scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Walker asked if there was going to be any stipulations for the buyer to either fix up the property or tear down the structures that are unsafe and unfit.

A lot of properties are bought at tax sales and never fixed up, are rented out, they collect the money, never fix up the property and do not pay any more taxes and in a couple of years it is back in a tax sale. The City of Peru as well as the County has an abundance of slum landlords. Last year, the City of Peru spent ½ million dollars tearing down neglected buildings. The Mayor would like to see some preventative measures put in place so the people who buy these properties at a reduced cost be held accountable to do something with them.

Commissioner Hamman stated there are a tremendous amount of rentals in Miami County. Commissioner West asked the Mayor if he knew how other Cities and Counties are handling this situation. Commissioner Francis stated he believes we should start working with our legislators to help correct this issue. The Board will look into the possibilities that are available to them.

## YMCA

Kathy Brehmer brought a voucher to be signed by the Commissioners for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in the amount of \$39,650. Commissioner West made a motion to sign the voucher. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0. Mrs. Brehmer also brought in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter reports.

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Francis will serve on:

- 9-1-1 Executive Board
- MCEDA
- Cemetery Board
- Dukes Health Care Foundation

Commissioner West will serve on:

- Chamber of Commerce
- EMA
- Community Corrections
- Animal Control

Commissioner Hamman will serve on:

- Museum
- Planning & Zoning
- Courthouse Security Group

## CONVERSE JUNCTION TRAIL

The Board received a letter regarding the bicycle trail out at Converse. There will be a preliminary meeting at the Converse Town Hall on Thursday at 5:00.

## MEETINGS

The Commissioners discussed different options of conducting their meetings. First the Board would like to try having an agenda. Agenda items will have to be to the Auditor in time to put it together and post it (first thought was by 4 p.m. on Thursday but in order to post 48 hours ahead of time the cut off will have to be noon on Wednesday). Meetings will still start at 9 a.m. but will end when business is completed.

## FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

Commissioner West made a motion to re-appoint Tammy Gamble as Flood Plain Administrator (1 year). Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## EMA

Kris Marks gave the new Board members weather ordinance which explain the different levels.

## HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

Sam Waltz welcomed the new members and asked them what they would like to hear from him and how often they would like to hear from them. Commissioner West said he would like to hear monthly updates and a roster of employees and foremen would be helpful. Mr. Waltz thanked them for the reappointment.

## MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen explained that every 2 years they make an appointment to the Wabash River Heritage and he has been that appointment with Commissioner Boyer as an alternate. The current appointment is for 2012 – 2013. Commissioner Boyer was the alternate. Commissioner West made a motion to approve Resolution 1-7-2013 appointing Commissioner Francis as the alternate for the rest of this term. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Einselen also requested permission to attend the Bridge Conference January 30 & 31. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## LEPC APPOINTMENT

Commissioner West made a motion to appoint Commissioner Hamman to the LEPC. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## BUSINESS 31 PROPERTY

Scott Shepard asked about the strip of property on Business 31 (at the old Max Pitts) that he had asked to purchase from the County. The Board will get with Pat Roberts about the status of advertisement.

## CLAIMS

Commissioner West made a motion to approve claims. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## PAYROLL

Commissioner West made a motion to approve payroll. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## TREASURER

Treasurer Rebecca Morris came before the Board to set a date and time for the Board of Finance meeting. The Board of Finance meeting was set for Tuesday, January 22 at 11:00.

## CONVERSE-JACKSON LIBRARY APPOINTMENT

Commissioner West made a motion to reappoint Amy Benner to the Converse Jackson Library Board. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

TIME REQUEST

Sharla Conley, phone and central supply, made a request to the Board to leave at 2:00 on Wednesdays and make up the time somewhere else during the week to attend school. Commissioner West made a motion to table and Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

AMCO ELEVATOR LETTER

The Board received a letter from AMCO elevator explaining that the elevator in the Annex needs a latch hatch to prevent it from opening in between floors. They also enclosed a quote to make the repairs (\$3,480). Commissioner West made a motion to approve and proceed with the repair. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

ASSESSOR

Sara McAuliffe, Assessor, asked the Board if they have given anymore thought to installing a counter in her office. They asked her to get several quotes to bring back to them.

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
Joshua Francis

\_\_\_\_\_, Vice Chairman  
Larry West

\_\_\_\_\_, Member  
Jerry Hamman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, Auditor  
Jane Lilley